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## REMARKS

This responds to the Non-final Office Action dated July 26, 2005.

Claims 26-35, 55, 57-62, 64 and 67 were allowed in the last Office Action.

Claims 69, 70, 75, and 76 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claims 66-68, 71-73 were rejected under § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Watson, Jr. et al. 5,788,715 in view of <u>Bayer</u> 6,126,594, and further in view of <u>Bidoia</u> 5,203,863.

Claim 66 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 69. Claim 69 has been cancelled. Therefore, claim 66 should be in condition for allowance.

Claims 67 and 68 both depend from claim 66 as amended. Accordingly, claims 67 and 68 should be in condition for allowance.

Provisionally allowed claim 70 has been amended to include claim 66. Accordingly, claim 70 becomes an independent claim and now should be in condition for allowance.

Claim 71 depends from amended claim 66 and since claim 66 has been amended to include provisionally allowed claim 70, claim 71 should be in condition for allowance.

Claims 72 and 73 depend from claims 71 and 66, and should be in condition for allowance.

Applicant submits that all of the pending claims of the application should now be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, appropriate action is courteously solicited.

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